REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Entry of the above amendments is requested. With entry of these amendments, claims 1 and 20-22 are now in the case. Claims 1 and 20 have been amended, claims 2-19 have been canceled, and claims 21 and 22 have been added. No new matter has been added.

Applicant elects Group I, claims 1-6 and 20. New claims 21 and 22 are believed to fall within Group I.

Claims 1 and 20 have been amended and claims 2-19 have been canceled in response to the restriction requirement and to expedite prosecution of claims drawn to subject matter of particular interest. Amendments have not been made for reasons related to patentability. Indeed, no claim has been rejected. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute claims to canceled subject matter in one or more continuing applications.

Support for new claim 21 is found within the specification as filed at pages 36-38 and elsewhere.

Support for new claim 22 is found within the specification as filed at pages 2, 3, 19, and elsewhere.

If for any reason the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (206) 442-6673.

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